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Dear Hollister Staff,

As a student at North Carolina State University, my goal is to graduate prepared to be a great school leader. To accomplish this goal, your principal, Mrs. Amason, has graciously granted me the opportunity to learn under her and the staff at Hollister Elementary. I am truly excited to grow professionally and personally during this 2011-12 school year.

For the past 11 years, I have worked as a Speech-Language Pathologist for the Roanoke Rapids Graded School District. This past year, as I studied at NCSU, I also worked in various leadership roles for the district, including Exceptional Children Director and Preschool Director. This coming year, I will be working beside each of you two days a week.

As we work together, I hope you will notice my passion for children. My mission is to inspire and equip all students to reach their greatest potential. I believe that all students can be successful. I envision a school where each second of every school day is centered on what is best for each individual student. I endeavor to create a society of learners, including students, staff, parents and community whose main goal is to give 110% to the education of children. I believe that together, our efforts can be multiplied!

When chosen to work at Hollister Elementary, I could not wait to get started. Hollister is such a unique community deeply rooted in culture. I am excited to learn more about the Hollister community and the resources the community has for your students. I believe that community involvement is key for student success.

Lastly, my pledge to each of you is this: I promise to show you my sense of *duty* as I will fulfill my obligations. I will show *respect* by treating people as they should be treated. I will always demonstrate i*ntegrity* as I do what is right, legally and morally.

This is going to be a great year. I look forward to getting to know each of you!

Sincerely,

Shelley Williams

Assistant Principal Intern